

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kishio YOKOUCHI

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For: *Substrate Optical Waveguides Having Fiber-Like Shape and Methods of Making the Same*

Art Group Unit: 1756

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 10, 2006, applicants elect Group I: Claims 1 – 23.

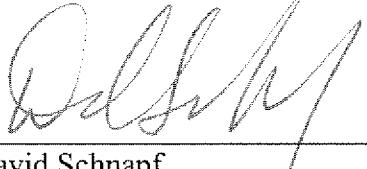
Applicant further traverses the Restriction Requirement on the basis that under MPEP § 803: “If the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine them on the merits, even though they include claims to independent or distinct inventions.” In order for a restriction requirement to be proper, the examiner is required to show “the reasons why there would be a serious burden on the examiner if

restriction is not required.” MPEP § 808. Applicant submits that all of the claims of the present application can be searched “without serious burden.”

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Respectfully submitted,

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